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SUBJECT: ERDA-CEA DRAFT AGREEMENT ON LMFBR COOPERATION

1. EMBASSY AND CEA HAVE REVIEWED LATEST DRAFT OF
SUBJECT AGREEMENT ENCLOSED IN BECKJORD'S DECEMBER 10
LETTER TO VENDRYES AND HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED ON
SCHEDULING PROCEDURES FOR COMPLETION OF THE AGREEMENT.

2. CEA'S VIEWS ON REDRAFTING THE FIRST SENTENCE IN
ARTICLE 12 ARE VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE OF ERDA AND ERDA'S
PROPOSED LANGUAGE WILL PROBABLY BE ACCEPTABLE TO CEA;
I.E., COOPERATION OF EACH PARTY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT
SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 2, PARA 1, CEA RECALLS
THAT AT THE WASHINGTON NOVEMBER MEETING DISCUSSION WAS
MADE OF INCLUDING THE TOPIC "RADIOACTIVE PRODUCTS
DISSEMINATION." AS THIS TOPIC IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE
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MOST RECENT DRAFT, CEA ASKS IF IT WAS INADVERTENTLY
OMITTED OR PURPOSEFULLY OMITTED. CEA HAS NO DEFINITE
PREFERENCE AND AGREES TO ITS INCLUSION OR OMISSION.
CEA IS "STAFFING OUT" ITS COMMITMENTS UNDER PARA 2
OF THIS ARTICLE AND WILL BE IN A POSITION TO CONFIRM
ITS AGREEMENT WHEN ONE OR TWO KEY INDIVIDUALS RETURN

FROM VACATION.

4. CEA MUST RECEIVE APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FROM THE FRENCH MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH, MICHEL D'ORNANO. CEA MUST ALSO PRESENT THE TEXT TO THE FRENCH COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY WHICH MEETS JANUARY 13. NEITHER APPROVAL IS CONSIDERED A PROBLEM. CEA IS PREPARING A FRENCH TEXT WHICH THE EMBASSY WILL REVIEW FOR COMPATIBILITY WITH THE ENGLISH TEXT. IF AGREEABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND ERDA AND THE EMBASSY RECEIVES APPROPRIATE AUTHORIZATION, THE AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED BY CEA ADMINISTRATOR GIRAUD AND THE AMBASSADOR. WE ARE PREPARING A SIDE LETTER FROM THE AMBASSADOR TO GIRAUD WHICH WOULD CONTAIN THE SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT SIDE LETTER ENCLOSED IN BECKJORD'S DECEMBER 10 LETTER. A LETTER FROM GIRAUD IN RESPONSE WOULD COVER THE SAME SUBSTANCE IN FRENCH. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONCLUDING THE AGREEMENT IN THE LATTER HALF OF JANUARY.

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